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TO: Stakeholder Group – Medical Malpractice Data Reporting Rules

FROM: Lisa Smego, Property-Casualty Manager

RE: Medical Malpractice Closed Claim Reporting – Request for Information

Thank you for participating in our “Kick-Off” Meeting for this rule-making project. As a follow up to our discussion we request that you provide us with additional information. To help us in the distribution of comments please submit your responses electronically to: Lisas@oic.wa.gov by September 4, 2006.

Although we welcome any comments you may wish to submit, in particular we would request information about the following:

1. Suggested data definitions based on the information listed in RCW 48.140.030 and information provided by your organization's information technology staff. OIC needs to know what data elements need to be clarified in the rule so that your staff can understand how to alter your Risk Management Information System (RMIS) or other application to collect these data.
2. A description of the life-cycle of a closed claim in your organization. Since these rules will be procedural in nature, it will be helpful to understand what your processes are before we draft rules that might alter them.
3. A description of the current capabilities of your RMIS or other data collection application, so we can understand what type of alterations you will need to make in order to comply with this law.
4. The name and contact information for any staff that you consider to be subject matter experts on the following topics:
 - Risk Management Information Systems and other data collection applications.
 - Data coding and data quality.
 - Claim settlement practices specific to medical malpractice claims.
 - Data reporting practices related to National Practitioner Data Bank claims.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by e-mail at LisaS@oic.wa.gov.

Thanks for all your help.